

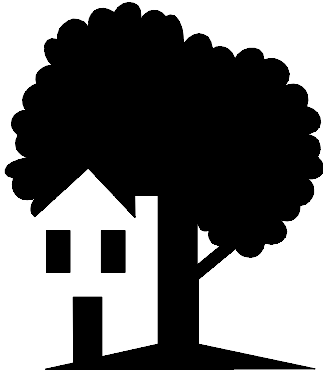
Evacuation I — Safety Rules



1. Before making any last-minute preparations, be absolutely certain you have time. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Don't wait until the last minute to leave, hoping to save your possessions. Save your life.
2. Move quickly and calmly. Don't take chances. Getting safely away from the storm area is your first consideration.
3. Keep your radio turned on and located where you can hear it.
4. Know where you are going before you leave. Local officials will probably establish shelters in public buildings. If you don't know the location of public shelters, listen to your radio for evacuation instructions. If an evacuation route is suggested, use it. Other short cuts could have roads or bridges blocked or washed away, or downed power lines.
5. If you have limited time for evacuation preparations, take only family medicines, blankets and a battery-powered radio with you. If you have time to gather supplies, take with you:
 - protective clothing, especially water-repellent outer garments and footwear
 - several blankets
 - flashlights and batteries
 - battery-powered radio
 - personal hygiene items
 - infant supplies
 - important documents and papers
 - drinking water in plastic bottles; other liquids
 - emergency supplies of ready-to-eat foods
 - necessary prescription drugs or medicines, such as heart medication or insulin

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6. If you are certain you have time before you leave your house:
 - turn off utilities
 - if flood waters threaten, open basement windows to let water in and equalize pressure
7. Lock your home when you leave it.
8. As you travel listen to the radio. Watch for:
 - washed-out bridges or roads
 - undermined roadways
 - landslides
 - fallen rocks
 - downed power lines
 - floating hazards
9. Don't drive over flooded roads, especially where they cross overflowing streams and rivers. Flood currents are strong, and cars and people are easily washed away in them.